18 August 1975

Dear Mr. Mehr !

I. The letters

1. from 18.2.1975 with enclosures of

a) one sheet questions,
b) sheets A - D,
c) from 24.3.1975 with two sheets questions, and
d) with enclosures from March 1975 (ballied Genealogy etc.),

I have got. Many thanks.

I was for two month into the hospital. I had an jaundice and in causal connection a kindling of the heart-muscle. I think and I feel, the illness is putting in order now. In the meantime I was in holiday with my family in Burgenland, Austria.

II. I answer your letters and your questions:

Question to page of Genealogy of "Familie Meinzer":

to a) Nr.27 Maria Lang:

The word "weyland, weiland" is a historical expression of 18th century in the church records.
Meaning: The father of Maria Lang (Nr.27) already was deed, as Maria Lang married (CO 5.7.1608).

to b) The abbrevation "gewesener Bürger" = "gew.Bürger" =
The father of Maria Lang was, ash he lived, a citizen.
The word "gewesen" = been is conjugation zu "to be".
The word "gewesen" had likewise the same meaning, as the word "weiland", namely, the father of Maria Lang was dead, as Maria Lang was married.

I hope, you can understanding, ~~xxxx~~ wath I have illustrate here in my leadly English.

to c) The word Bürger = Citizen. Jerg Sebastian Lang (Nr.14) was "Bürger, des Gerichts und Schweinehirt zu Hagsfeld".

~~xxx~~"des Gerichts" is genitiv of the German word "das Gericht" = court. Somethimes in the church-records it is written also: "Gerichtsmann" = man of the court.
Each village in the county Baden-Durlach in 18th century has had a "Gericht". Today it ~~xxxx~~ is the municipal council.
The "Gericht" had has the inferior jurisdiction, but only für little crimes, selfevident also the administration of the community.
Jerg Sebastian Lang, des Gerichts (the man of the court, of the council) was not been Keeper ~~xx~~ or caretaker of the court, he was member of the Court.
In 18th century each community in the county Baden-Durlach had
aa) a "Schultheiß" (he was the Leader of the community and the court (des Gerichts),
bb) a "Bürgermeister", hewas the cashier, an the
cc) Gericht (court or council).

The word "Schweinehirt" is in English the swineherd.